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# Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue — 6 June 2008: "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" stamps**

**Commemorative stamps**

1. On 6 June 2008, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue six commemorative stamps on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". The stamps were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations, New York).

2. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted on 13 December 2006 during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly (resolution 61/106). In accordance with article 42 of the Convention, it was opened for signature by all States and by regional integration organizations at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 30 March 2007.

3. Eight guiding principles underlie the Convention and each one of its specific articles, as follows:

(a) Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons;

(b) Non-discrimination;

(c) Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;

(d) Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;

(e) Equality of opportunity;

(f) Accessibility;

(g) Equality between men and women;

(h) Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.

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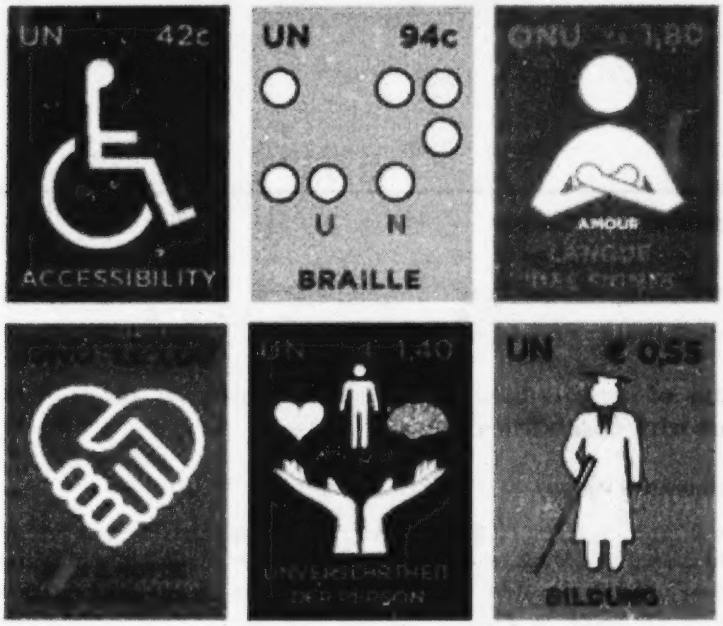
4. The stamps will be issued in denominations of $0.42, $0.94, SwF 1.00, SwF 1.80, €0.55 and €1.40. (United States equivalents: SwF 1.00: $1.00; SwF 1.80: $1.81; €0.55: 87 cents and €1.40: $2.21, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)




**General information**

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 6 June, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Temporary sales counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the news-stand in front of the windows: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.